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HONG KONG PASS DERIAN, OAKLEY, AND AMBASSADOR HOLDRIDGE

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: SREF  
SUBJECT: PROPOSED SINGAPORE TRANSIT CAMP FOR INDOCHINESE REFUGEES

REFS: (A) STATE 2788, (B), 77 SINGAPORE 5718

1. REGRET THAT OUR REF B MESSAGE APPARENTLY DID NOT MAKE CLEAR WHAT WE BELIEVE TO BE GOS POSITION ON GUARANTEES RE ONWARD MOVEMENT OF TRANSIT CAMP REFUGEES FROM SINGAPORE. WE WERE NOT SUGGESTING THAT SINGAPOREANS ARE LIKELY TO INSIST ON FIRM ADVANCE RESETTLEMENT GUARANTEE FOR EACH REFUGEE BEFORE ADMITTING HIM TO PROPOSED REFUGEE TRANSIT CAMP. THIS OBVIOUSLY WOULD BE NO ADVANCE OVER PRESENT SINGAPORE POLICY.

2. AT SAME TIME, HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE SINGAPOREANS ARE VIRTUALLY CERTAIN TO INSIST ON MORE THAN A PROMISE TO DO OUR BEST IN ASSURING THAT NO REFUGEES ARE LEFT PERMANENTLY IN SINGAPORE,  
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WHICH REF A SUGGESTS MAY BE OUR POSITION. SINGAPOREANS ASSUME THAT REFUGEE FLOW WILL TERMINATE IN DUE COURSE AND THAT TRANSIT CAMP ULTIMATELY WILL BE CLOSED. AS WE HAVE REPORTED, THEY HAVE USED THE TERM "BLANKABLE GUARANTEE" TO DESCRIBE WHAT THEY WILL REQUIRE IN WAY OF ASSURANCES THAT NO REFUGEES WILL BE STRANDED IN SINGAPORE WHEN CAMP IS FINALLY CLOSED.

3. THEY UNDERSTAND VERY WELL THAT UNHCR CANNOT IMPOSE REFUGEES ON THIRD COUNTRIES. THAT IS WHY WE EXPECT THEY WILL PRESS US FOR THIS "BLANKABLE GUARANTEE". WE FEAR THAT IF WE RESPOND TO THIS REQUEST BY SAYING THAT LEGAL AND POLICY PROBLEMS PREVENT US FROM EXTENDING ANY SUCH GUARANTEE, SINGAPOREANS ARE LIKELY TO POINT OUT THAT WE APPEAR TO BE ASKING THEM TO DO SOMETHING ON BEHALF OF REFUGEES THAT WE OURSELVES ARE UNPREPARED TO DO.

4. IT MAY BE POSSIBLE TO SATISFY SINGAPORE WITH SOMETHING LESS THAN AN ABSOLUTE GUARANTEE THAT WE WILL ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR THOSE REFUGEES UNHCR IS UNABLE TO PLACE ELSEWHERE AT SUCH TIME AS TRANSIT CAMP OPERATION IS TERMINATED. ALL WE MEANT TO SUGGEST IN REF B WAS THAT ASSISTANT SECRETARY DERIAN BE PREPARED TO ADDRESS THIS QUESTION.  
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